Central assistance to augment tourism to Karnataka

*31. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent a number of proposals requesting for Central assistance to augment tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that approval has not yet been given by the Central Government to these proposals;

(d) if so, the status of these proposals; and

(e) by when these proposals will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following project proposals have been received from the State Government of Karnataka for grant of central financial assistance during the current financial year:

1. Development of Kadalkere Nisargadhama Dakshina Kannada District
2. Eco-tourism Park at Hanumanthanagar, Maddur Taluq Madhya District
3. Development of Eco-tourism and Adventure tourism facilities at Mekedatu
4. Development of Eco-tourism and Adventure tourism facility at Ottinane near Baindur Kundapur Taluk, Udipi
5. Development of Coastal Wilderness & Wellness Tourism
6. Development of Wilderness Circuit in Southern Kannada
7. Sound & Light Show at Golgumbaz at Bijapur
8. Development of Bidar
9. Linganamakki Dam as International Standard Garden
10. Siddarabetta Hill Ranges, Tumkur District
11. Development of Eco-tourism & Adventure Tourism at Anniijare and Cable car facility at Udipi

12. Upgradation of Hotel Mayura Bhubaneswari, Karnalapur
13. Development of Jog Falls
14. Development of Mysore
15. Setting up a centre for tourism and culture at Gokarna, Uttara Kannada

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e): As per guidelines, Ministry of Tourism provides funds to the State Government for projects which are prioritized in consultation with them every year in respect of the following schemes:

(i) Travel Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating Schemes

Project proposals, which are received complete in all respects, are processed on inter-se-priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective head every year. During the year 2003-04 and 2004-05, projects amounting to Rs. 2582.08 lakhs and rs. 2459.76 lakhs were sanctioned respectively for development of tourism in Karnataka.

Cleaning of Rivers and Lakes

†*32. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to cleanse the big rivers and lakes of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the rivers identified for this purpose and the quantum of additional water likely to be made available in the country due to this plan; and

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment & Forests Formulated the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) and the National

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